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LPWA Convention!

State Update from Chair; Randy McGlenn II

Fellow Libertarians,

The first short year of our administration team's term is behind us and it has been anything but business as usual! With the help of our outstanding leaders in the State Executive Committee, we have been able to come together and accomplish a lot of goals for the state party.

Christopher Rohloff has built up an effective communications team that is getting the attention of local media and making Libertarians part of the conversations for pundits, politicians, and voters. Our social media outreach has led to the influx of a new generation of voters and future Libertarians.

James Blair has taken on the hard work of getting out the new member packets and initial outreach to new members. Now that we are caught up he has been focusing on member retention so that we are staying engaged and keeping our membership up.

Tiffany Diaz De Leon has been the face of the LPWA for our county parties all over the state. Her outreach to the local organizations has been critical in building relationships throughout the state organization and fostering cohesiveness that will bring greater success to the party.

Our regional reps are already working on building more local organizations to grow our numbers and to continue to spread the word of liberty. We are seeing huge potential in the growth of Eastern Washington counties thanks to Region 8 Representative Mike Leimon and Benton County Chair Ryan Cooper.

Also not being business as usual we had a rather irregular state convention this year. Even though we did not review and amend our Bylaws this year, that doesn't mean it wasn't a successful convention. On the contrary, it was a great showing of Libertarians with guests coming in from all over the country and state to attend and speak. We also took time to recognize great Libertarians in our organization who have been putting in the long hours and hard work to build success. You may find more information on our website about the awards. If you missed the convention, below is a recap of our award winners:

Gadsden Award: Jacob Lamont; for his tireless efforts working to influence Olympia.

Liberty Bell Award: James Holcomb; for his desire and work to spread the LP message.

Torchlight Award: Anthony Welti; for exemplary leadership abilities that have shown proven results.

Patriot Award: James Blair; for his substantial efforts to assist with the goals and efforts of the Libertarian Party.

Porcupine Award: Raylene Scott, for distinguishing herself by example of LP values and principles.

Planning is already starting for next year's convention. Now that we will have a full year to plan and prepare I can only imagine our next convention will be one not to miss!

And a convention isn't the only thing in the works. This year I will be launching a new fundraising event with exciting guest speakers that will draw not only Libertarians, but outsiders from all over the state to hear about Libertarian ideas. Not to mention a chance to rub elbows and have a good time! It's called the Madison Jamboree and you'll be hearing more about it this spring.

Looking forward, I will be focusing on areas where we had great electoral success in the last presidential election. There are a number of Libertarian hotbeds in our state that we need to make sure are getting engaged and getting involved in their communities. Clallam County is starting up in Region 3 and I am anticipating Clarkston area this spring or summer.

I am excited for what we have in store for 2018 and I hope you share my enthusiasm as we gear up for mid-term election season and support our state candidates. Money always helps, but the greater gift that you can provide is your time. Please consider donating at least a few hours every week. Every person helping in door-knocking and calling voters or even sign waving is that step closer to electoral success.

With Liberty,

Randy McGlenn II

Why Homebirth?

The following is a follow up to last issues midwife story, which was about the benefits of midwives and homebirth. This time we hear from the perspective of the mother, who Libertarians believe, should always be allowed to choose how she gives birth.



Hospital birth was all I knew. Midwives were not adequate medical providers. What if something went wrong? How would they keep my baby alive? Surely I need an OB. During my first pregnancy, I encountered many fear based conversations. I gained too much weight: my baby would be 12lbs at minimum: I wouldn't be able to birth vaginally... I tested positive for GBS well before I gave birth, and was told that my child's life would be at risk if I waited too long to get him out.

When my water broke, the L&D urged me to come right in. They told me don't even sit on the toilet because I was increasing the risks of death of my unborn baby. We went to the hospital where I was hooked up to an IV full of antibiotics. They put me on a Pitocin drip without my consent. My labor wasn't progressing fast enough, so they raised the strength of the drip. Pain hit like a flash of lightening, so I asked for an epidural. They attempted to insert the needle twice, without success. I pushed for 3 hours to get my baby out; and he suffered a shoulder dystocia. He got stuck in my birth canal. He was however, only 8.1lbs. My OB returned the next am to tell me I wasn't meant to give birth vaginally. She convinced me the only reason he survived was because she stuck her hand in me to pull him out. I suffered very bad PTSD as a result of this.

When I fell pregnant with my second, I returned to that OB full of stress and anxiety. She would start appointments off by asking me to consider an elective cesarean. Something felt so off about this. I was encouraged to reach out to a midwife, and while I was so skeptical of their adequacy, I obliged. I spoke to a midwife for 2 hours going over my birth in great detail- after I went over ever grueling second of my traumatic experience, she assured me it would be worth it to meet in person and that my ability to give birth vaginally was very great. I met her at 23 weeks along. Her office was small, but there was never a wait time. I would arrive and go right in. Our appointments lasted around 45 minutes to an hour, rather than waiting 45 minutes and having a 10 minute appointment. We talked about more than pregnancy. She asked about my personal life, my mental health and anything else on my mind. She remembered details from each previous appointment. She didn't keep a scale in her office, because she assured me that weight gain was irrelevant to a woman's ability to give birth.

I went into labor subtly in the morning. I never experienced contractions before (due to induction), so I was in denial that I was even in labor. They were minor cramps. I continued the day with my son, taking him to therapy and grocery shopping. I came home and messaged my midwife that I might be in labor. She told me she would come whenever I was ready. She arrived and within 20 minutes I was pushing. My beautiful daughter was born at 9.4lbs and with so much ease.

My midwife coached me, encouraged me and supported me during this hard time. She arrived with many medical supplies in case an emergency arose. She checked the baby's vitals shortly after birth. All the while, my daughter remained on my chest with her umbilical cord intact. We waited about 45 minutes to cut the cord and then transferred from the birth pool to my bed to perform the full newborn exam.

The cost of midwifery care is less than half the cost of an OB. The care is much more intimate and the time invested makes for a confident woman as labor approaches. Midwives are such an asset to women because they support *us*. Midwives take great care in their job, assessing risks and evaluating circumstances. We are not on a time clock with them. They seem to be condemned and accused of not having proper medical training, when in fact they have more training in vaginal births than an obstetrician! They are specifically taught to recognize red flags and any problems, because of the great liability it would be to have something go wrong and not do anything about it. They should be advocated for more, because they advocate for us.

Sandra Ingram: [Kitsap County](#)

How to Win an Argument Part 2: Don't Attack

This is the second in a series about arguing to persuade and connect, not simply to be right. In the first installment, I suggested that you first know your audience (not necessarily the person you're debating), and second, show that you actually care about the human being(s) you're interacting with.

Third, don't attack the individual. The difference between an ad hominem fallacy and a simple insult is sometimes nuanced, but it doesn't make a difference in terms of effect. It only undermines your credibility to the audience. The unfortunate fact is that people are persuaded by not just the strength of an argument, but the character of those making it, so while you might know that what you said was not ad hominem, nobody actually cares.

Fourth, don't attack the worldview. A worldview is a set of basic assumptions about the world that is as much a part of an individual's sense of self as the nose on their face. Your opponent's worldview might include cognitive dissonance that they are really good at maintaining, and accusing them of being logically inconsistent is likely to feel like an attack to them. While your logic may be 100% sound, it still feels like a trick meant to undermine their beliefs.

How then, do you persuade while avoiding these pitfalls? Have I made it impossible to engage at all? Not if your goal is to see the world from their perspective. More on that next time.

Safe Consumption Sites Are Practical and Humane

Legalizing Safe Consumption Sites (SCS) is a practical and humane step towards reducing the impact of drug use on society by minimizing the risk of sudden death and expanding access to treatment resources. Currently there are no Safe Consumption Sites in the United States. Canada and several European countries have seen positive effects from allowing these sites to open and serve at risk members of the population.

Drug related deaths are at near historic highs in the United States despite many years of prohibition. This makes it unlikely that further restrictions (including new prescription limits) and enforcement strategies will prove effective. There is virtually no community that has not been impacted by this issue including many communities in Seattle. In many parts of the city it is common to find used needles in public spaces, sometimes areas intended for children like libraries and playgrounds. Given that the public is already essentially funding consumption sites it is only logical that we take the next step. By officially designating areas as explicit SCS's we can improve access to Harm Reduction services and minimize the impact on the public.

While the idea of public money going to these kinds of projects is obviously controversial it would be more effective on a financial basis than the current strategy of prohibition. Whether we are incarcerating people in a correctional facility or confining them to a "treatment center" it is neither effective nor ethical to handle medical conditions through punishment. Safe consumption sites offer a safe and humane alternative.

Kevin Shannon: [Libertarian Party of King County](#)

What is Voluntarism?

Whether it's called Voluntarism, Voluntaryism or Volunteerism, it all boils down to the same idea: All human interactions should be voluntary. The roots of Voluntarism are in the Non-Aggression Principle (NAP).

It's the belief that all transactions should be free from force or they shouldn't occur at all. It doesn't concern itself with the types or means by which these transactions are made, only that they are done with mutual consent.

Another feature of Voluntarism is the belief that this type of society cannot be attained through political means. The use of politics is rooted in coercion and force. It's the belief that the way to attain this is through education and the spreading of freedom, that freedom cannot be coerced, it must be accepted. The use of the free market, education, persuasion and non-violent resistance are the tools of the Voluntarist.

It is safe to say that Voluntarists take the long view when it comes to achieving their ends. Whereas other Libertarians take a different view and use political means to achieve their ends. The main difference is that Voluntarists believe that voting is an act of aggression since whoever loses the vote is forced to comply.

Jason Burt; [Snohomish County LP](#)

Why Can't You Operate Your Own Private Transportation Service?

Out of work because you lost your job? Need to make some extra money?

It should not be against the law for you to own and operate a private transportation service by using your car that is sitting in your driveway, but in most American cities regulations make that almost impossible.

In Seattle 518 private vehicles known as jitneys carried "49,000 passengers daily" in 1915.

Who Benefits from expanding transit services by opening the marketplace?

"Almost half those without an automobile are persons 65 years or older, and of these, 81% are women."

"...23% of full-time working mothers and almost 60% of part-time working mothers have non-traditional work hours. This reduces women's ability to join carpools or find appropriately-scheduled transit options."

"...nearly 40% of central city African-American households were without access to an automobile, compared to fewer than one out of five white central city households."

Your family may benefit. In 1930 the average family spent about 8% of family income on transportation. Today they spend almost twice that. Private companies operate urban buses and rail systems in many cities across the globe, from Curitiba, Brazil with 16 private companies, to Europe where the British company Arriva has almost 20,000 buses in 14 countries, and to Melbourne, Australia where 32 private companies operate the urban transportation system.

While ride-sharing apps have benefitted many people, not much has been done to help low-income people improve their situation. Simply opening the marketplace may be the best way to help the poor and give them opportunities to start new businesses while helping others.

Today Uber, Lyft, and other private companies are forcing cities to change, and the public is benefitting. Why shouldn't you be able to enter the business?

Michael Wilson: [Libertarian Party of Thurston County](#)



Libertarian Day at the Capitol 2018

Libertarian day at the capitol was held January 31st at the Red Lion Olympia. We had various speakers who brought us up to speed on current issues of interest to Libertarians and how to lobby legislators and testify in hearings: Speaking at the DAC were.

Phil Peterman who spoke to us about Crypto-Currencies.

12th district house representative, Carry Condotta, covered various issues, the state budget and some strategy of political parties.

Patrick Conner, State director for National Federation of Independent Businesses (NFIB), covered small business issues and how Olympia “works”, the legislators, their Legislative Aids (LA’s), hearings and what is where.

Baliey Hirschberg, Washington NORML, covered Cannabis issues.

Allen Acosta US Army Major, retired, covered Veterans and 2nd Amendment issues

Max Nelson, Freedom Foundation, covered the various Public Employee Union issues they are working on.

Mariya Frost, Washington Policy Center Transportation Director was unable to make it. However I met with her later and we covered “Road Usage Charge”, mileage tax that she is working on.

Some of our members met with our representatives and senators to present out issues and have personal contact with them.

The turn out was low this year, but I hope next year our members will plan in advance to make a point of attending. Due to the schedule of the Legislature, this event has to occur during a week day during session. It will require a bit of dedication with time off from work and expenses for meals and hotel room. Our members would benefit from learning how our state government works and having personal interaction with out legislators.

Larry Nicholas, LPWA DAC Chairman.

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Anthony Welti; Washington State Insurance Commissioner 2020

Insurance is one of the most heavily regulated and crony industries in the entire country. A web of regulations fit to favor companies with powerful lobbyists and politicians trading regulatory favors faster than MSM can print fake news. Fees on top of fees, with profits to match the rising rates. A Libertarian nightmare. Though at its core, insurance is really just people helping people. A sharing of financial resources to help each other through tough times. Voluntarily.

I believe that we can restore insurance to a fair and equal opportunity marketplace. A Libertarian in office protecting against lobbyist's and giving all insurance carriers a fair chance to compete. Most importantly allowing for a creative, innovative and flexible market to emerge, stronger than ever before.

Consumers have been begging for lower prices for decades now. Year after year insurance has been getting harder to afford thanks to the politicians that have continued to add bureaucracy laden policies. By reducing excessive regulations that drive up the cost of insurance and letting competition enter the market, we can reform the industry and provide relief to the bank accounts of the average American family needing anything from health insurance to small business insurance. We can put the customer back in control of the products they purchase. We can put insurance companies back in control of what they sell. With this freedom, liberty can once again prevail.

I am Anthony Welti, and I am running for Washington State Insurance Commissioner 2020. I promise to be a man of honor and to represent with transparency. I will put Washington before Washington DC.

This is a Statewide race that we have an opportunity to spread our message far and wide!

Please consider going [HERE](#) and making a donation to the campaign.



Published Letter to the Editor

Can the Public Afford a Carbon Tax?

A study from the University of Washington tells us, "The amount needed to meet the costs of basic needs increased between 2001 and 2017. ... For a family with two adults, one preschooler, and one school-age child, the standard increased on average by 59 percent across the state."

When I was a kid, I remember seeing the dirt on my shirt collar just from the dirty air. I also spent a few years in the Coast Guard and breathed in the stack gases from the ship's exhaust as we drifted on station in the North Pacific, which is probably why I have some health problems today. And I worked on oil rigs in the Gulf of Mexico. Based on that background I think I have a fairly good idea about the need to reduce air pollution regardless of the form it takes.

But what are the alternatives to a carbon tax?

How about doing away with the land use laws, so we have more mixed-use zoning? That way we can live closer to work and where we shop, which will reduce our need to drive, our use of fossil fuels and auto emissions. Maybe we can end the monopoly the transit agencies have so that the private sector can bring some new ideas to the transportation marketplace. That might help people who can't afford to keep their cars tuned up.

Michael Wilson; [Libertarian Party of Thurston County](#)



Now that Our Yearly Convention is over lets recap what was accomplished

- 1 successful convention behind us, until spring 2019
- 1 convention Chair that worked her tail off - Maggie May
- 1 large announcement from Anthony Welty campaign for WA Insurance Commissioner in 2020
- 1 fundraising goal met of \$20,000 For Matt Dubin, State Rep
- 1 original historical document donated to the National Party, The original Statement of Principles (SOP)
- 1 pink flame of liberty
- 5 awards given for performance within the State Party
- 10 vintage newsletters presented dating back from the early 1970's
- 20 new national members - goal reached
- 50 buttons handed out
- 50 tickets sold
- 70 in attendance
- 100 after hours parties celebrated (JJ)

I would say see everyone next year, however keep ears open for a possible Jamboree Dinner event (vote, announcement soon) for later in 2018

Tiffany Diaz De Leon
Vice Chair, LPWA



2018 CONVENTION

Update; LP National Region 1 Rep; Caryn Ann Harlos

Region 1 has a strong start heading into the National Convention with regional conventions reporting filling up entire delegations so expectations are high that this will be another record-breaking convention. With regret, I have to let you know that I will not be re-running for Regional Representative as I will be seeking the position of LNC Secretary. This was an incredibly difficult decision as one of my greatest honors was being elected to serve Region 1, and it honestly did break my heart. However, I believe I have left the Region in excellent shape and accomplished each of my campaign goals. If anyone is interested in running for the Regional or Regional Alternate positions please let me know. In fact, you have any questions on the procedures or anything else concerning the National Convention please do not hesitate to reach out. My contact information is [561.523.2250](tel:561.523.2250) - caryn.ann.harlos@lp.org



Gun Rights Aren't About Hunting, and Gun Control Laws Aren't About Safety

The second amendment was written to protect free people from an oppressive government or an invading force. A common argument is that when the constitution was written, that muskets and flintlocks were the weapons that were intended to be included, not the advanced weaponry we have today. What is commonly forgotten is that when the founders originally penned this amendment, those were the primary weapons of the government as well. We are already seeing the militarization of our community police forces with weapons that far exceed anything citizens can acquire, not to mention the arms used by the military, and the further infringement of the caliber/capacity of weapons legal for private citizens

The restriction on felons owning firearms, even for nonviolent crimes, was racist legislation enacted around the same time the "war on drugs" was starting to gain traction. The government found that by making vice a punishable offense, they had another loophole by which to disarm more lower class citizens.

There are many people begging to have the same restrictions placed on anyone with a mental health record. Presently, over 20% of the adult population is taking psychiatric medication. These bans are easy to pass because the people pushing for them are unaffected by them; by the time it becomes a wide spread ban, there will not be enough armed individuals remaining to take a stand.

Throughout history governments have marginalized certain populations and disarmed people they thought may threaten their power as regimes expand into tyrannical states. As libertarians, we are the only party fighting for the rights of the individual against all encroachment by the state, and we must continue to try to fill offices and reverse the course this country is headed. The constitution is only a piece of paper unless we hold the government to it.

Amanda Collins

[Libertarian Party Radical Caucus](#)

[Libertarian Party of Massachusetts](#)

Great Reads!

Human Action; by Ludwig Von Mises is a must read for every libertarian. It gives you a basic understanding of economics and more importantly Praxeology, which is the study of human action. It will challenge your ingrained views on economics and give you a new way to look at economics and the world.

Click the Photo to go straight to the PDF copy, Courtesy of Mises.org



Recommended Mini-Series:

[The Men Who Built America](#) : History Channel Original, Netflix : 4 part miniseries

Not only is this the story of the great Industrial Titans of the end of the 19th century, this is a beautiful re-telling of how their products actually intertwined. The birth of railroads, oil, steel, electricity, and automobiles, starring Industrial Titans such as Carnegie, Rockefeller, JP Morgan, Edison, Tesla and Ford. To those who think Tesla got a raw deal in the pages of US history books, you can have peace of mind, this series solidifies his rock star status. Plus the series goes into great detail regarding the AC power vs. DC power debate, and why we have AC power today.

The series also explores the human concepts of greed, ambition, power, and drive. Also social and political concepts, that still are often discussed today such as; monopolies, competition, unions, wealth, workers' rights, wages, and Capitalism. The series does not always paint the titans in the best light, however no one can argue that we live a better and more comfortable life as a by-product of their ambition and passion.

Upcoming Events

March 10: [Homeless Backpack Bagging with LPTC](#)

March 10: [State SEC Call in Meeting](#)

March 14: [Cheers to Liberty with LPTC](#)

March 17: [King County Convention!](#)

April 8: [Whatcom County Convention](#)

April 28: [Anthony Welti Campaign Rally In Spokane](#)

June 30-July 3: [National Convention!](#)